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WSP Asks Citizens to Report Aggressive Driving “Hot Spots”

Today, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) unveiled a new resource for citizens to use to alert the WSP as to where they feel aggressive drivers are endangering the roadways.

Citizens wishing to provide feedback may go online to the WSP Web site (www.wsp.wa.gov) and click on a button to report aggressive driving. The Web site provides detailed information, explaining what aggressive driving is, how citizens can help us with this aggressive driving campaign and our dedication to continuing to provide education and enforcement efforts to reduce aggressive driving on our roads. The information provided by citizens on “Hot Spots” will assist the WSP in enforcement strategies and deployment of officers. Every citizen report will be followed up on.

“Reducing incidents of aggressive driving and road rage are a critical element of the Washington State Patrol’s core mission,” said Chief Lowell M. Porter. “The dangerous driving behaviors and risks taken by aggressive drivers lead to loss of life and life threatening injuries to our families, friends, and children.” Porter added that when citizens report these “hot spots”, the WSP will use that information to plan enforcement emphasis in that specific area.

Porter explained that The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has sponsored several studies over the last 30 years attempting to identify causes of roadway collisions. Research consistently reports that driving behavior and/or human factors account for over 90 percent of all collisions. The WSP believes many of these collisions are preventable.

“We already receive reports from citizens and we take this very seriously,” Chief Porter explained. “We always use citizen input to determine where our emphasis needs to be. With this new online reporting form, we are taking it one step further to make giving input easier and more accessible,” Porter said “we will take this direct input and get on it right away.”

Due to the increase of incidence of aggressive driving, the WSP has an Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT), a proactive effort to locate and arrest drivers who are driving aggressively and endangering others. The ADAT program utilizes 37 unmarked/unconventional police vehicles equipped with mobile video cameras to detect and apprehend aggressive drivers. These vehicles are located throughout the state where citizen input through telephone calls and e-mails suggest aggressive driving is more likely to occur.

"We rely on citizen input as to where we place our ADAT vehicles and to where we place our emphasis," Chief Porter explained. "We want to hear from as many citizens as possible, which is why we have established this online form as a convenient way for citizens to give us their input."

In 2004, aggressive driving citations were up 54%, injury collisions were down 8% and fatal collisions were down 11%.

Note to media: To schedule a ride-along in an ADAT vehicle, please [contact your local district public information officer.](#)

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